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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UM STUDENTS HEAD SOUTH AS INTERCULTURAL TUTORS**

#### **MISSOULA--**

Ten University of Montana students from a variety of majors will spend part of UM's intersession in Phoenix, Ariz., tutoring at an elementary charter school.

Their work will be part of a two-credit service-learning course coordinated by UM's Volunteer Action Services. The course is designed to teach college students about issues related to bilingual education in an under-resourced urban area while providing a valuable service to school children in need.

The students will spend five days at the Phoenix school as mentors and tutors in reading and math. Before leaving Missoula, they will meet four times as a seminar to learn tutoring strategies, sharpen their skills for teaching English as a second language and look at issues related to Hispanic culture and ethnic identity.

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